

AN ACT concerning

Divorce and Annulment - Disposition of Property

FOR the purpose of changing a definition, inserting punctuation and clarifying the language in the law granting the authority to make monetary awards; and providing for the disposition and use of property in conjunction with a divorce or annulment.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3-6A-01, 3-6A-02, 3-6A-03, 3-6A-04(b),
3-6A-06, and 3-6A-07(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3-6A-01. Definitions

(a) As used in this subtitle, the following words have the meanings indicated:

(b) "Family home" is the property in this State that: (1) was used as the principal residence of the spouses when they lived together, (2) at the time of the proceeding is owned or leased by at least one of the spouses, and (3) is being used or will be used by at least one of the spouses and a minor child as their principal residence. It does not include property acquired prior to the marriage, property acquired by inheritance or gift from a third party, or property excluded by valid agreement.

(c) "Family use personal property" is tangible personal property, acquired during the marriage, owned by either spouse or owned jointly by both spouses, and used primarily for family purposes. It includes motor vehicles, furniture, furnishings, and household appliances. However, it does not include property acquired by inheritance or gift from a third party, OR PROPERTY EXCLUDED BY VALID AGREEMENT.

(d) "Minor child" includes a child 18 years of age or older who, because of mental or physical disability, is dependent upon a parent.

(e) "Marital property" is all property, however titled, acquired by either or both spouses during their marriage. It does not include property acquired prior to the marriage, property acquired by inheritance or gift from